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A.—(a) Yes. A copy [a] is annexed.

(b) The price of paddy, second sort, in the Tanjore district during the months of July, August and September 1933 was lower than in the corresponding months of 1932.

*Rate of assessment (wet) for single crops in the districts of Tanjore, Kistna, Godavari and Guntur.*

* 233 Q.—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what the average rates of assessment (wet) per acre are for single crops in the districts of Tanjore, Kistna, Godavari and Guntur?

A.—The information asked for is contained in the statement annexed to the answer to question No. 780 answered on 25th March 1933.

*Report in the* Fort St. George Gazette, *regarding the sufficiency of water-supply in the Guntur district.*

* 234 Q.—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the report in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, that water-supply is sufficient in Guntur district refers to supply of water from rivers or also includes seasonal rains?

A.—The summary in the weekly season report which is published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* describes the state of the water-supply in the district from all sources and for all purposes.

*Extent of damage caused by the recent heavy rains in South Kanara.*

* 235 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any report regarding the damage done to paddy fields, roads, etc., by the recent heavy rains and floods in South Kanara; and

(b) whether a copy of the report will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(a) & (b) No report has been received by the Government about any damage caused by rain and floods in the South Kanara district recently.

Mr. A. B. SHETTI :—" Will the Government be pleased to call for a report about this matter? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" Under the Standing Orders the Collectors have to submit reports to us on serious floods but we have not yet received any report from the Collector of South Kanara."

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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether the Government have received report from any other district? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell :—" Yes, Sir."

*Alleged acceptance on the part of officers of the Revenue Department of supplies from village officers free of cost.*

* 236 *Q*.—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any steps to enquire into the practice of the officers of the Revenue Department obtaining supplies free or at a nominal value from village officers; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any measures for strictly stopping this practice; if so, what the measures are that have been taken by the Government?

*A*.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the provisions contained in paragraphs 112 and 113 of the Board's Standing Orders. The Government look to the Collectors to see that the provisions in the Standing Orders are enforced.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari :—" May I know whether the paragraphs 112 and 113 referred to in answer to this question have become a dead letter now? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell :—" Not that I know of."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the heavy expenditure involved in presenting addresses to these Revenue officers and whether there is any rule regulating the conduct of these Revenue officials? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell :—" The Government are not aware of such expenditure. Under the Government Servants Conduct Rules such officials may not receive addresses."

Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that some public officials have accepted entertainments at the hands of the public? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell :—" No, Sir."

Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that the Special Officer of Madura did accept an entertainment at the hands of the public of Madura? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell :—" No, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether the Government have framed any rules in regard to the presentation of addresses and entertainments to these district officers, or have left it to the sweet will of the persons concerned to arrange for or accept entertainments, which is assuming the proportions of a scandal? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell :—" I invite the hon. Member's attention to Government Servants Conduct Rules."